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MALLAY
AFTER
MILLIONS

WESTON CITIZEN EMPLOYS PHILADELPHIA LAWYER TO LOOK AFTER VALUABLE INTERESTS.

IS ONE OF A DOZEN GREAT GREAT GRAND CHILDREN OF COMMODORE DAVID WATKINS.

Claim For Tract of Land Near Philadelphia Which Government Has Had Leased, Is Placed at Twenty Million Dollars—Government Offered Heirs Sixteen Million For It.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Frederick S. Mallay, of Weston, W. Va., has retained a lawyer of this city to investigate a remarkable claim against the Government. Mallay says he is one of a dozen great, great grandchildren of Commodore David Watkins, who nearly a hundred years ago owned much property west of the Schuylkill river.

About a year ago, he claims, he found among the Commodore's effects a paper which proved to be a lease made out by David Watkins, to an English land syndicate, which was to make a financial return of the ground at the expiration of 99 years. He believed that this syndicate had in turn leased the ground to the Government, but with the expressed stipulation that it belonged to Watkins and would have to be returned at the end of 99 years.

The lease expired last June, and Mallay says about the time the Government offered the heirs \$16,000,000 in settlement of the claim of the Watkins estate but that the offer was declined, because the heirs believed the tract is worth \$20,000,000.

TURKEYS
ARE STOLEN

From Swager's Coop in Rear of Hotel and Albert Jones, Colored Is in City Prison Accused of the Crime.

J. T. Swager's turkey coop, in the rear of the Swager hotel, was visited about 10 o'clock Sunday night and six large fine turkeys of the eight in the coop were stolen. The theft was discovered and Mr. Swager and his clerk, Mr. Casto, began to search for the birds. They struck a trail and went toward the East End, meeting Albert Jones, colored, coming toward the city. Jones had passed Policeman James Simms in that section earlier in the night and he was carrying a turkey. Swager had been informed of this by Simms and as soon as he met Jones he arrested him and brought him to the city prison, where he was incarcerated.

MYERS
WINS CASE

For the Republicans in the Election Contest in Wetzel County—Democrats Give It Up.

For the first time in the history of Wetzel county that county is to have a Republican sheriff. His name is Ingram Myers, who was elected at the last election. The Democrats contested the election, claiming that D. H. Cox, one of the most influential citizens of the county, was entitled to it. The contest has just ended with the canvassing board declaring the election of Myers. The fight was a bitter one and leading counsel were employed on both sides. M. G. Sperry, of this city, was chief counsel for Mr. Myers, and to him and his associate, Mr. McIntire, is due much of the credit for the victory before the canvassing board.

Interesting Meetings.

The Salvation army is having some very interesting meetings. Several have professed conversion, some of them the worst cases in the city. The interest in the meetings is increasing and meetings are held every night, except Monday. Last night two professions of conversion. With the co-operation of the Christian people the army will do a much needed work here.

Vestry Board Will Meet.

The vestry board of Christ Episcopal church will meet in the church edifice this evening at 7:30 o'clock to consider matters pertaining to the church and to especially look after the hearing of tithes, which is now defective.

Attorney F. G. Vignone came home Sunday night from a professional trip to Caldwell, Ohio.

BREWERIES
WILL MERGE

Local Branch of the L. Hoster Brewing Company Will Go Into the Proposed Big Concern.

A movement to merge four leading Columbus, Ohio, breweries has reached the stage where there is assurance that it will consummate by January 1. The local branch of the L. Hoster Brewing Company, of which Col. H. R. Ward is manager, will go into the merger.

It is stated that the finances for the deal have all been secured and all that is necessary to the completion of the merger, along lines agreeable to all, is the completion of the abstracts.

The new company will control the breweries of Bora & Co., the L. Hoster Brewing Company, N. Schlee & Son, and the Columbus Brewing Company. It will be incorporated as the Hoster-Columbus Brewing Company with a capital stock of \$6,000,000.

It is stated that the company will issue stock and bonds each to the amount of \$5,700,000, while the capital stock would be equally divided, \$2,500,000 of preferred and common.

Carl J. Hoster and C. Christ Bora are said to be slated for responsible positions with the new concern. Hoster probably as president, Bora as secretary-treasurer.

George J. Hoster and Conrad Bora will retire from the business, as well as N. Schlee, later, if not immediately after the consummation of the deal. Louis Ph. Hoster may remain with the concern.

Col. Ward, of the local branch, will be retained in his present position.

SEARCHING
INVESTIGATION

Is Demanded By Some of Those Who Must Lose Large Portions of Their Deposits.

The more the report of Receiver Lawson, in the Europa Loan and Building Association is studied by those who had their earnings in the association, the greater becomes the desire that the matter be thoroughly investigated for a criminal point of view and there is every probability that proceedings with that end in view will be instituted. The bill asking for a receiver disclosed a state of affairs that was bad enough, but the receiver's report shows the association in far worse condition than was at first supposed and those who must lose the larger part of what they put into the association are not satisfied to let the matter pass without the most searching investigation. Should the matter come before the grand jury such searching investigation, as is now demanded, will more than likely be made.

SMALLPOX
AT ENTERPRISE

James Miller Has Had It Week and There Have Been Several Exposures—Epidemic Is Feared.

Dr. John R. Payne, the county health officer, was notified Sunday evening by Constable Warden Stewart, of Enterprise, who came here expressly for the purpose, that there is a case of smallpox at Enterprise. The patient is Samuel Miller, a coal miner. He has been sick a week. Dr. Nutter attended him and finally pronounced it smallpox. A Shinnston physician also pronounces it smallpox. There have been a number of exposures and there is likely to be an epidemic. Dr. Payne informed the constable that he would go to Enterprise Monday morning and make an investigation, after which a strict quarantine would be established.

HOLIDAY
DECORATIONS

Are To Be Obtained in Any Quantity and All Sorts of W. J. Mair & Company.

As seen by the advertisement of W. J. Mair & Co., the people of Clarksburg have an opportunity to get Christmas trees, holly wreaths, evergreen wreaths and other appropriate holiday decorations. As stated by this firm, decorations add materially to the appearance and attractiveness of business houses and those who thus make investments are amply rewarded by increased trade. The houses are much more pleasant looking with Christmas decorations and all can afford to make such indulgence once a year at least. When buying goods of the kind herein described do not forget this enterprising firm.

MACCABEES
ANNUAL
SERMON

DELIVERED BY REV. S. K. ARBUTHNOT IN GOLF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

NEARLY FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORDER AND A LARGE CONGREGATION WERE PRESENT.

The Sermon Was a Powerful and Persuasive Discourse and Those Who Heard It Were Greatly Impressed and Benefited By It.

The annual sermon to the members of Clarksburg Tent, No. 19, Knights of the Maccabees, was delivered in Golf Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. S. K. Arbuthnot. Besides the lodge, of which over one hundred members were present, nearly the full membership being represented, a large congregation which taxed the limited seating capacity of the church to its utmost was in attendance.

The text of Rev. Arbuthnot's sermon was taken from the fifteenth chapter of Romans, the first verse, "We, then, that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." The theme of the discourse was that fate strong ones in any of the walks of life, financial, social, mental or spiritual, owe by their very strength, something to their weaker brethren. The stronger brother should regulate his own actions that no harm should come to his weaker brother by them. It should be the endeavor of those who are strong to so work and live as to help to increase the average men, Rev. Arbuthnot said. To illustrate the importance of keeping up this average of mankind to as high excellence as possible and to explain the meaning of that average, Rev. Arbuthnot referred to that part of President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving proclamation, in which the President said, "Our success will mean much, not only for ourselves, but for the future of all mankind and every man and woman in our land should feel the grave responsibility resting upon him or her, for in the last analysis, this success must depend upon the high average of our individual citizenship, upon the way in which each of us does his duty by himself and his neighbor." The great and mighty help in the endeavor to keep up this high average and increase and advance it is the practice of assisting and helping our weaker brother, for by our very strength we owe it to him.

Selfless and protective organizations such as the Knights of the Maccabees in their work reflect Christianity and the Church of Christ is the greatest power in the world for that selfless benevolence, protection, charity and fraternity that is practiced by these fraternal orders.

Rev. Arbuthnot then dwelt upon the history of the order of the Maccabees and illustrated the connection of the present order to that Judas Maccabee, son of Mattathias, the great hero of the Jewish revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes a century and a half before Christ, which led to a period of freedom for Israel, and the original Maccabees, leading down to the subsequent organization bearing that name.

The sermon was closed with special reference to the spiritually strong to do all in their power to bring up the conditions of mankind to that happy average of high and ideal manhood.

The discourse was a powerful and persuasive one and was delivered in masterly style by Rev. Arbuthnot.

The members of the lodge were greatly impressed by the sermon. They were also greatly pleased at the large attendance at the services and with the general success of the occasion.

The members formed in their lodge rooms in the Knights of Pythias building previous to the opening of the services and marched in a body to the church, marshaled by Frank H. Rood. At the conclusion of the sermon they formed in line and returned to the lodge rooms where they were disbanded and dismissed.

SMALL BLAZE

Occurs At the Residence of Mr. Cowan, Back of Lee Street, But Damage Is Very Slight.

A small blaze occurred at the home of A. H. Cowan, back of Lee street, at eight o'clock Sunday morning. The floor under the cooking stove ignited from the heat coming from the stove. It was discovered shortly after it started and was extinguished without aid of the fire department, but not until a large hole had been burned in the floor. The damage was slight.

HOTEL
KEEPER'S
PRANK

RESULTS IN HARROWING EXPERIENCE FOR CINCINNATI TRAVELING SALESMAN.

MADE BELIEVE SHERIFF IS AFTER HIM, HE CONCEALS HIMSELF UNDER THE BED IN HIS ROOM.

Also Rides Many Miles On Railroad Car in Hiding. After Going to Depot in Disguise—Abandons Trip To Elkins Through Fear of Arrest There.

A Cincinnati traveling man named W. F. Norman, representing a leading whiskey house, will not soon again visit the town of Richwood, owing to the harrowing experience he had there a day or so ago. Accompanied by E. L. Maynard, another traveling man, he landed in the town for the first time. They went to the Yew Pine Inn, which is managed by that very genial host, Charles D. Johnston, whose fame as a fine hotel man extends from ocean to ocean and valley to the highest peak in Colorado.

Mr. Johnston likes a prank that is played on the other fellow, even to it at the expense of one of his own guests, although he would rather it be Col. Thomas B. Seely, of the Traders, than any one else. So he and Maynard made it up to give an interesting tinge to Norman's visit in Richwood. They got him to bed, and then informed him that the sheriff was after him because of the new whiskey laws in this state. He was told to hide himself under the bed. He did and then an attack was sent into the room as sheriff. He hunted for him in a pretending official capacity as high sheriff of the county, but, of course, did not look under the bed.

After the supposed officer had gone Norman had communication with Maynard and Host Johnston, and told them how miraculously he had escaped. Up to their advice he kept close the entire night and next morning he was given a straw hat and other make-up, which he wore to the depot in disguise, but relief did not come even when he got on the train, as the friends who were protecting him persuaded him to conceal himself in the water closet of the car, where he rode solitary and alone several hours.

In relating the experience at the Traders upon his arrival here, as stated that it had been his intention to visit Elkins on this trip, but believing that section of country to be very much on the order of Richwood and surroundings, he had concluded not to go there.

Norman is now the wiser today and it will be a long time before he goes back to Richwood, though he may venture to come to Clarksburg occasionally.

WILL BE
SANTA CLAUS

Local Salvation Army Will Be Kris Kingle To the Poor Children of the City.

The good people of the city have left numerous toys at the hall of the Salvation Army, at 222 Pike street, to be distributed among the poor children. Let them come and receive such toys as they like. Besides this the Army is going to give baskets of food to the needy families. Any one knowing any in need send them to the hall next Saturday or let the officers know of the case. The help of the public is solicited in this effort. Capt. Kline.

CURTAIN TIME
IS CHANGED

Plays At Traders Grand Opera House, Will Begin At 8:15 O'clock Sharp Hereafter.

Manager Wilson, of the Traders Grand Opera house, has announced that hereafter all performances at that place will commence at 8:15 o'clock sharp. Theatre-goers are notified of the change in time of opening and it is hoped that all patrons of the house will reach their seats in time so as not to disturb the other patrons and make a nuisance of themselves generally. The time of opening—8:15 o'clock—means that the curtain will go up at that time. The orchestra music commences at 8:10 o'clock.

Mrs. Thomas B. Seely has returned from a visit to friends in Weston.

Y. M. C. A.
SEASON'S
GREETINGS

RED LETTER DAYS AT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

PROF. DeMOTTE WILL LECTURE HERE EARLY IN THE MONTH ON "THE AMERICAN BOY."

Big Meetings In All the Churches Are Anticipated—Annual Election Will Take Place—Complete Schedule Given of What Association Will Do This and Next Month.

Through the kind assistance of General Secretary Mayhew, the Telegram is able to give an outline of red letter days of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Saturday, December 24, at 9:00 a. m. there will be Boys' Christmas service with stereopticon in the association parlors. The admission will be by ticket. At 10:30 a. m. there will be a boys' Christmas tree and social for the members of the boys' department and their friends. At 3:00 o'clock there will be a carnival of games in the gymnasium. Admission to all, 10 cents.

Sunday, December 25, 2:30 p. m. there will be a grand union Christmas service at the Traders Grand opera house. At this time there will be a large mixed chorus, male sextette, Y. M. C. A. orchestra, and a stirring Christmas address for the men and women of Clarksburg.

Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 8 to 9 o'clock a. m. there will be the busy men's gymnasium class at the association rooms, followed at 6:15 by committee men's tea and special conference. This session will map out plans and policies for the new year. A large attendance is anticipated. At 7:30 there will be the jubilation party of the Oh Be Joyful Company. An informal social will be tendered by the association by the Epworth League of Golf Methodist church. This will be the hit of the season.

Sunday, January 1, at 3:30 p. m. there will be a mass meeting for men at the parlors.

Monday, January 2, there will be open house all day, celebrating New Year's Day. Day and night attractions are planned by the Woman's Auxiliary for this day.

Saturday, January 7, at 8:00 p. m. Prof. John B. DeMotte on the star lecture course at the Grand opera house will lecture on "The American Boy." Reserved seat checks given November 26 will be good for seats at the lecture.

Sunday, January 8, at 3:30 p. m. a great men's mass meeting at the Traders Grand opera house will be held. Prof. John B. DeMotte will be the speaker on that occasion. There will be special selections by a male chorus and stirring songs led by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra.

Tuesday, January 10, at 6:45 p. m. the annual meeting of the members will take place and five new directors will be elected.

Wednesday, January 11, at 3:00 p. m. the Woman's Auxiliary will meet. This will be an important meeting of special interest, preparatory to Institute and Group conference.

Friday to Sunday inclusive, January 12-15, it is proposed to hold the first annual association institute, group conferences and quiz. Invitations will be sent throughout the state to be present. There will be special guests and special speakers.

Sunday, January 15, will be second annual association day. It will be a day of special prayer and cooperation with all Protestant churches for special blessing upon the young men of the city. Speakers of note will fill all the pulpits of the churches, both morning and evening. Watch announcements. There will be three great meetings that day—one for women at the Central Presbyterian church, another for men at the opera house and another for boys at the Y. M. C. A. hall.

Saturday, January 21, from 8:00 to 9:30 will be ladies night at the gymnasium.

Thursday, January 26, the John Thomas Concert Company on the star course will appear at the opera house.

Saturday, January 28, from 8:00 to 9:30 p. m. there will be a basket ball contest in the gymnasium between Clarksburg and Fairmont.

Parish Plead Guilty.

David Parriah, a former reporter on the Clarksburg News, plead guilty before a magistrate at Parkersburg of the charge of obtaining five dollars on a worthless check and was fined for it.

WHITTIER
REMEMBERED

By the Children in the Sixth Grade With Exercises—Fine Production By Earl Flowers.

Miss Isola Shinn's pupils of the sixth grade of the Central High School appropriately observed the ninety-seventh anniversary of the birth of Joan Greenleaf Whittier, the American poet, with an excellent program.

A sketch of the poet was read by Earl Flowers, aged nine years, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Flowers, written by the boy, as follows, showing much intellect and mental capacity on the part of one so young:

"In the home on a farm near Haverhill, Mass., was born Joan Greenleaf Whittier, Dec. 17, 1807. He afterward became one of the sweetest and noblest of American poets. He died in Hampton Falls, Sept. 7, 1892. Like his parents he was a member of the Society of Friends and in his manner, dress and conversation he was like them. Those who lived in their neighborhood considered them to be in good circumstances. The farm produced food, flax and wool, which was spun and made into clothing by them. But in this farm life work was hard and money extremely scarce.

"In a school near his home taught three months in the year, he received instruction until he was 19 years of age. When he was 14 a kind teacher presented him with a copy of the poems of Robert Burns, and it was the reading of these that encouraged him to write poetry. During the summer of 1825 he was visited by W. L. Garrison, who had received a poem from young Whittier to be published in Garrison's paper. Garrison urged him to get a better education, but Whittier's father had no money to aid his son in this way. The boy rose above this difficulty by learning the art of shoe making from one of the men that worked on his father's farm. He worked hard at his trade the following winter and earned enough money to buy clothes needed and pay tuition at the academy in Haverhill six months. The next winter he taught school and earned enough money to attend the academy another six months.

"After attending this academy he worked on several papers and went about from place to place working up strong sentiment against slavery. The friends of slavery became very mad at him and threatened to mob him. He kept an old coat for a long time which he had worn when he was pelted with light and rotten eggs. When he was 23 years of age he was in poor health and went to Amesbury to reside.

"Many of the short poems written was published in different ways and had a great influence in producing a sentiment against slavery all over the country. In 1849 there were collected and published in book-form known as the "Voices of Freedom. Many of his poems were published in the Atlantic Monthly after 1857. In 1866 he wrote "Snow-Bound," which describes his family and New England life in the 19th century.

"This beautiful production aided greatly in making his reputation as one of America's greatest poets and gave him enough money to make him independent. The next year he wrote the "Tent on the Beach," which was also very successful. His last book of poems was published in 1892, when he was 85 years of age with the title "At Sunset." Largely the rest of his life was lived with cousins in Danvers, Mass., however, he never gave up his old home and was buried from it because he loved it so well.

Alice Griffin recited a piece entitled "Barbara Frielie."

"Maud Muller" was presented by Genevieve Harrison, Grace Haymaker and Bertha Bland.

The school then sang a song, which was followed by "Mabel Martin," recited by Margaret Robinson, Augusta Jacob and Mary Arbuthnot.

"Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the school, readings from "Snow-Bound" took place and there were numerous quotations from the honored author.

ARLINGTON
CHANGES HANDS

Mr. Kiddy Retires From Management of the Hotel and Mrs. Barrett, of Rinehart, Succeeds Him.

The Arlington hotel, in the Stotler building, in Glen Elk, near the corner of North Fifth and Clark streets, has changed hands. J. A. Kiddy retires from the management and is succeeded by Mrs. Anna Barrett, of Rinehart, on the Short Line railroad. Mr. Kiddy will remain a resident of Clarksburg and continue to do contract work. The hotel is thoroughly investigated from a worthless check and was fined for it.

TRADERS
BUILDING
WAS AFIRE

TIMELY DISCOVERY BY COL. HARRY R. SMITH PREVENTED A FIERCE CONFLAGRATION.

NOT ONLY THAT BUILDING BUT ALL IN CENTRAL PORTION OF CITY WOULD LIKELY HAVE BURNED.

Pandemonium and Panic Reigned at Hotel—ut Blaze Was Located in the Basement of Barber Shop and Put Out At It Crept Toward Joists.

One of the most destructive fires within the history of Clarksburg was narrowly averted Saturday morning shortly after the Telegram had gone to press, and only by the timely discovery and quick work of those engaged in extinguishing it is the Traders hotel building standing today. Other buildings would doubtless have gone with it and there is no telling where the fire would have ended. The business portion in the central part of the city would have been wiped out at least, as there was not sufficient water in reserve to fight the flames successfully, and they gotten under headway.

Col. Harry R. Smith discovered smoke and smelt wood burning between two and three o'clock that morning. He rushed into his mercantile tailoring store and down into the basement in quest of the fire, but did not discover it. Then he entered the hotel lobby and saw the smoke coming from the east hallway. Col. Seely, the hotel proprietor, and all in the hotel were immediately aroused and pandemonium reigned a short while. It was decided that something had to be done and the fire was located in a little while in the basement of Ogden's barber shop in the building. The door had been locked and barricaded within and no amount of storming it could burst it open. Night watchman Allen and others then lifted the colored night porter over the transom and access was gained to the room.

It was discovered that a pine box was burning as well as the hose and the blaze had just about reached the joists overhead. A bucket brigade was hurriedly formed and within a few minutes the fire was out.

The fire originated from a hot plate, or sort of stove used in heating water. Through oversight the fire was not put out, when the shop was closed for the night. It continued to burn until the box became hot and ignited.

The hotel people and guests and Col. Smith were terribly scared over the discovery of fire and prepared themselves to escape with their lives, leaving the goods as well as the building to their fate, as it would have been utterly impossible to save either the building or the contents.

Christmas Boxes.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Golf chapel, is arranging to send out a Christmas box to a needy minister of the Methodist conference, containing supplies of all kinds. Another box will be sent to the Holloway Home. Contributions of useful articles are solicited for these boxes. They should be sent to the parlance as soon as possible. For the regular meeting tomorrow afternoon of the society at 2:30 o'clock a special program will be rendered telling of the Donor's work of the church at large.

Funeral Occurs.

The funeral of Ralph Robinson, colored, who died at his home on Maud street Thursday morning from typhoid pneumonia, took place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Trinity M. E. church, on Water street. Rev. John M. Beane, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Elk View cemetery.

Christmas For the Poor.

The congregation of Christ Episcopal church is preparing to make some very useful and acceptable Christmas donations to the poor of the city, a movement that is highly commendable and has that charity attached characteristic of that congregation.

Special Services To Be Held.

Special services will be held in Christ Episcopal church Wednesday forenoon at the usual hour of worship, commemorating the natal day of one of the patron saints.

Secretary Bud Resigns.

A. C. Bud, private secretary to M. D. Sheridan, has resigned his position, his contract having expired. He has something better in view.